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APO5>NICARAGUA/CIA>KOPPEL: A congressional committee has concluded that the < >MANUAL>CIA was guilty of negligence, but not an intentional violation of the law, in producing that CIA manual for antigovernment forces in Nicaragua. That's the booklet which, among other things, talked of neutralizing certain targets, what many people believe to be specific instructions for assassinations. On Capitol Hill, here's ABC's Charles Gibson.

GIBSON: After a two-month investigation into the CIA manual for contras in Nicaragua, the House Intelligence Committee has concluded the manual is 'an embarrassment to the United States,' 'repugnant to American values.' 'It never should have been released,' said the committee,' 'in any of its forms.' William Casey, the CIA director, came to the committee today and acknowledged CIA officials should have reviewed the manual but did not.

REP. WYCHE FOWLER (D-Ga.): Mr. Casey himself admitted to negligence in the management and control of this operation. REP. EDWARD BOLAND (D-Mass.): I find it incredible, as did all the members of the Intelligence Committee, that no one, that no one in the field and no one at headquarters had ever read the manual.

GIBSON: Members of the Intelligence Committee fault the CIA for a number of things. One, the CIA never informed Congress of the manual; members learned of it from the press. Two, the manual, say some members, is illegal, a violation of the Boland amendment which forbids aid to a group trying to overthrow the government of Nicaragua. And, three, the CIA, according to some in Congress, has already gone over a \$24 million limit imposed on aid to the contras. Still, the committee is not calling for Casey's resignation, though some members would like to see him out now. REP. NORMAN MINETA (D-Calif.): Is Mr. Casey responsible for it? I would say yes, because he is the head of the agency.

GIBSON: The committee recommended no action, but then the House has already voted four times to cut off U.S. aid to the contras. Still, one member said there's a warning in all this for William Casey: One more major transgression and there could be a chorus of calls from Capitol Hill for Casey to resign. Charles Gibson, ABC News, Capitol Hill.